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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: Assignment of Responsibilities
for NRO Matters

1. You will carry out the duties of Director of Reconnaissance, CIA in addition to your other duties as Chairman, USIB Watch Committee; Chairman, USIB SIGINT Committee; CIA SIGINT Officer; Special Assistant to the DD/S&T

2. I look to you in your position as Director of Reconnaissance, CIA to keep in the closest touch with the Director and Deputy Director of the National Reconnaissance Office and to serve as the Agency's focal point in liaison with the NRO. You will be responsible for formulating, with appropriate coordination, the CIA views and position on all matters relating to the NRO. This will include the primary responsibility for preparing Agency responses to NRO memoranda, letters, and other requests for action or information on all subjects, including fiscal and budgetary matters and those matters concerning CIA reconnaissance programs and operational approvals. You will keep the Office of the DCI informed and it will be your responsibility to seek my concurrence as and when required.

3. I will look to you to insure development of Agency positions for use before the NRO Executive Committee. In this connection you should effect coordination as necessary with the DD/S&T, who will attend Executive Committee meetings as my senior technical advisor.

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4. In carrying out this responsibility, you will keep abreast of the work done by COMOR and the CIA Directorate of Intelligence in the field of intelligence requirements and targeting for reconnaissance. I regard it as of prime importance that the DCI be in a position at all times to comment on and take actions to correct any inadequacies of the National Reconnaissance Program, particularly in the meeting of national intelligence requirements.

5. You are also responsible for advising me on the budgetary and funding aspects of the National Reconnaissance Program. As a member of the NRO Executive Committee, the DCI will be taking an active part in the Executive Committee's consideration of the budgeting for and funding of all elements of the Program.

6. In accomplishing these tasks and to keep me fully informed, you will maintain the closest consultation with all appropriate elements of the Agency. Specifically, I want you to maintain close and continuing contact with the DD/S&T and the Office of Special Activities, the Office of Special Projects, and the Office of ELINT; with the Deputy to the DCI for National Intelligence Programs Evaluation; with the Executive Director and, through him, the Office of Planning, Programming, and Budgeting; with COMOR; with the Deputy Director for Intelligence, NPIC, and the Collection Guidance Staff; and with the Deputy Director for Plans, particularly as NRO matters relate to CIA overseas responsibilities. All such Agency elements are to be responsive to your needs for information, advice, and assistance in developing the CIA position and the coordination of relationships on NRO matters.

7. The CIA Office of Security will be responsible for recommending security policy for the NRP and for supporting the NRO as required. The Office of Security will coordinate all NRO security policy matters with the DD/S&T and with you as the Director of Reconnaissance. I shall continue to delegate my authority to grant "need-to-know" approvals involving the NRP to the DD/S&T.

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8. I shall expect you to develop the CIA position on matters affecting the processing and reporting of film and magnetic tape reconnaissance records in coordination with other elements of the Agency as necessary.

9. Nothing in this directive to you is to be construed as investing you with operational control of components of the Agency involved in the National Reconnaissance Program.

W. F. Raborn

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Director

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